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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8428.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Barbara J. Sapin, of Maryland, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain aspects of the new Medicare law aimed at assisting seniors of modest and low incomes, including principally the full drug benefit scheduled for 2006, and the ongoing prescription drug card transitional assistance, after receiving testimony from Mark McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland, former Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Thomas Byron Thames, AARP, Jane L. Delgado, National Alliance for Hispanic Health, and Patricia B. Nemore, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4851–4861; 1 private bill, H.R. 4862; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 723, 726–727, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5983–84

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–610);

H.R. 4492, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, amended (H. Rept. 108–611);

H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (H. Rept. 108–612);

H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior, amended (H. Rept. 108–613);

H.R. 3313, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–614);

H. Res. 724, providing for consideration of H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–615); and

H. Res. 725, providing for consideration of H.R. 3574, to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers (H. Rept. 108–616).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nunes to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H5911

Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H5920

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2003: Debated on Wednesday, July 14: H.R. 1587, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 323 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 391; Pages H5947–48

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

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Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world: Debated on Wednesday, July 14:

S. Con. Res. 114, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 367 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 392;

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Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act: Debated on Wednesday, July 14: S. 2264, to require a report on the conflict in Uganda, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 371 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 393—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending the Act of 11/2/66 with respect to lands within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation: H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of 11/2/66, to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation;

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Amending the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996: H.R. 4492, amended, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas;

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Conveying certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California: H.R. 3874, amended, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal;

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Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act with regard to Orange County, California's regional water reclamation project: H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, CA, Regional Water Reclamation Project;

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Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act: H.R. 2831, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District;

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Gateway Communities Cooperation Act: H.R. 1014, amended, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies;

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Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2003: H.R. 2619, amended, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge;

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Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Initiative: H.R. 2991, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project;

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Authorizing the exchange of certain lands in Everglades National Park: H.R. 3785, amended, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Everglades National Park;

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Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Designation Act of 2004: H.R. 3819, amended, to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon;

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Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act with regard to the Inland Empire regional water recycling project: H.R. 142, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project.

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Allowing the continued use of certain lands within Sequoia National Park by an existing hydroelectric project: H.R. 3932, amended, to amend Public Law 99–338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend Public Law 99–338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by

portions of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes. **Page H5941**

Providing for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned NOAA ship: H.R. 4158, to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship;

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Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004: H.R. 4170, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior;

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Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2004: H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands; and

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Honoring Sandra Feldman on the occasion of her retirement from the presidency of the American Federation of Teachers: H. Res. 714, honoring Sandra Feldman on the occasion of her retirement from the presidency of the American Federation of Teachers for her tireless efforts to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Bishop moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 708, providing for consideration of H.R. 3004, to improve the reliability of the Nation's electric transmission system (Discharge Petition No. 10).

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Stenholm announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5920.

Senate Referral: S. 2479 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and S. 2261 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5984.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5947–48, H5948, and H5948–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House, the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Cunningham.

STOCK OPTION ACCOUNTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against